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#### The Old Freedom-God Bless and Keep It!

proper show of respect the original economical project. parchment sheets of the Federal Constitution of 1787 were taken from the place of safekeeping where they have unseen for eighteen years, and were MENCEAU made a mistake in urging inspected officially with regard to him for the Presidency, particularly their continued integrity.

morning to report that the Constitu- The old Premier was already the most tion is all there. The ink is unfaded. picturesque, the most admired politi-The words can be as easily read as cal figure in Christendom. He could when first written. The Constitution have gained nothing in history, it is is intact. Neither text nor white mar- likely, by adding the Presidency to dates for Presidential nominations gin has been touched or impaired by those laurels already gained as the will say that this Republic of many to amend frail humanity? the inroads of revolutionary vermin. director of his country in the war, wars has called only four professional The great charter of our liberties, the He has been a strong man, and in that soldiers to the chair of the Chief Exresentative government by law as distinguished from personal and autocratic rule, the great safeguard of nalong period of physical seclusion.

It is all there-the Constitution

this newspaper receives this informa- sixty-four years, has been brilliant. tion from the Department of State would be the assurance that before Unpaid Literary Debts of John H. recommitting the charter of the Old Freedom to its air tight and light tight years Secretary Lansing had the wit the author of the "New Freedom," now there temporarily abiding.

#### Building the Bagdad Rallway From the East.

Persian Gulf and to the gates of Brit- though profound, had already crossed briefly as a dragoon. This link, however, in the orig-

railroad into this region without stories which he himself admits that to the study of things military that being assured she could have a master he knows. control and that the road would not | Could we make our own selection | 36, when he was the youngest man in in transit. he a menace to her Eastern posses- from the long list included in the public United States Senate, he passionsions. The war brought a solution lished biographies of the distinguished ately denounced West Point, profesto these questions. The main line of detective we should be much puzzled, sional soldiers and standing armies; tions to guide airmen. the road to Bagdad is completed only but probably our first demand would yet when the Mexican war came he to Nisibin, 350 miles west of Bag- be for the full story of the "arrest of enlisted at the age of 44 as a private dad, and the eastern extension wil. Wilson, the notorious canary trainer, and, distinguishing himself for brav-

control. is first linked up with the world not same chapter of the Holmes biography Of the group of six civil war vetfrom the west but from the east, when he refers in a way most irri-The British are endeavoring to tuting in its casualness to Holmes's was the only professional soldier. How hour method of reckening in the United straighten out affairs in Mesopotamia, "famous investigation of the sudden great a General James A. Garfield Kingdom. over which they have continued to death of Cardinal Tosca-an inquiry would have been if he had had Military exercise control since the war, which was carried out by the express Academy training can be only conthrough an authority vested in a Mes | desire of his Holiness the Pope." Ap- jectured; but HUMPHERY MARSHALL, opotamian administration. Although pealing, that, but somehow we prefer the West Pointer who was outgener- That in his life and in his plans Dan Cupid the world has noted a lack of publicity the notorious conary trainer. Those alled by Gastield in the eastern Kenregarding what has actually been are but hints from one story, "The tucky campaign, may have had a clear done in this region, there has been, Adventure of Black Peter." For a real opinion on the subject. Surely Gan- Leaves sofa space exactly where the administration declares, no inten- manifest of richness recall a paration to work in secrecy. The admin-graph from "The Adventure of the in a variety of occupations, was inistration if not democratic is, accord- Golden Pince-Nez" in the same vol- tended for a soldier's life. ing to its own statement, "at least ume, "The Return of Sherlock democratically minded, and seeks the Holmes." Dr. Watson refers calmly two men who became President. consent of the governed by a patient to "the three manuscript volumes HAYES, who had already distinguished If all the loys of proper privacy explanation of all its acts."

In the line of its duties it has 1894," and then goes on: pacified many of the discontented

tribes and has restored the tribal organizations disrupted by the war and placed them under control of their chiefs. A scheme has been devised which it is hoped will in course of time produce a legislative assembly, and an effort has been made to discover the choice of the people for a ruler. According to the returns the chiefs have shown no desire to be ruled by any of the former Turkish leaders and only a small number have expressed a wish for an Arab as their ruler. There has been, however, says the London Times, a deman1 for the return of Sir Percy Cox, the present and most popular man of any race or creed in Mesopotamia."

The administration has already Watson's struggles to immortalize his and an inlet for Western wares would club in a lower vault of a furniture development of this ancient region under British influences.

The most difficult parts of the main finished; the tunnel through the Tauter the beginning of the war and the gone to bed two hours before." We Jerablus bridge over the Euphrates ought to know more about that, and Nisibln, and from there carried supplies to Bagdad by motor and cara-

350 miles evidently awaits the final a hot day." settlement of the fate of Constantinople and the adjustment of national RIGHT's men would not benefit by ininterest in the Near East. But it is structions in what to deduce from We congratulate Secretary Lansing as important to-day as it was before winding the dead man's watch and the and all the people of the United States the war that the completed Bagdad necessity of observing the penetration of America on the discovery that has "ailway to fulfil its great purpose as of parsley into butter? There is more just been made in the double locked a civilizing influence and as a link than mere amusement in this. Has Dr. archives of the Department of State. between the East and West shall be With some little formality and a not a political but a commercial and public "the singular affair of the Alu-

#### The New President of France.

It will be the view of the world outreposed in darkness, untouched and side France that the friends of CLEunder a system which does not sub-It rejoices The Sun to be able this mit the election to a popular vote. became politically weak.

tional independence and prosperity. Deschange, while supported by forces present Republican party was organ. World." Xenia is fond of its past long be an inspiring tradition to Amerhas suffered no limpirment during its frequently antagonistic to Clearly antag add to the satisfaction with which been in politics for forty-four of his dition in the Carolinas in 1779, and county, Ireland, and French Lick, And which America had not had up to that

## Watson, M. D.

place of denosit for another eighteen stir our sympathy-stir it even to the arms. Mongoe, who entered the army point where it becomes akin to ad- at 18, fought as a Lieutenant at Harthe street to the White House and exSherlock Holmes. No Job outdid him as a Major at Brandywine, GermanThe blood of venture and ferver slip! hibit it. in its glorious entirety, to in patience, no Boswell ever suffered town and Monmouth. more at the hands of his hero. Think | WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, the first vellous, Holmes!" met with an invari- ARD Wood fate made a soldier of him. A revival of the Bosporus and Per- able and impatient retort of "Ele- TYLER, who succeeded upon HARRIsian Guif railway project is announced mentary, my dear Watson," or to have son's death, is not remembered as a and indignant ladies. in the building of a road connecting your excellent and, as you thought, military man, but he was one of the Bagdad with Basra. This was to helpful suggestion that the murderer volunteers for the defence of Richhave been the easternmost link of the must have been a large man to have mond in 1813 and headed a company great German Berlin to Bagdad carried the body a quarter of a mile of militia for a month. Buchanan scheme, and the extension which was on his back answered with "Exactly, was likewise enrolled for the defence during the war A says that the salary respect to its future when the Bennett

my mind." Think too of what the good Dr. TAYLOR outdid the other soldier Presinal German project was the part of Watson has suffered at the hands of idents. He had forty years of conthe road which it seemed would be a hero who always picked out the tinuous service, serving in the war of the last to be built. In the German worst of weather to thrust a revolver 1812 as well as in the Mexican conscheme Koweit and not Basra was to into his hand and drag him out into flict which put him in the political be the eastern terminus of the road, the open country to crouch shivering fore. There was more of the profes-The fact that there were indications behind a hedge for uncounted hours, sional about him than about Washthat the Germans were preparing to We admire Dr. Watson, but we do not INGTON OF HARRISON OF GRANT, though make Koweit eventually a naval base envy him; and yet we are forced to he approached neither the wonderful caused a halt in the plans. A British say that Dr. John H. Watson has not strategy of Washington nor the depth company had a control of the naviga- done his duty-at least not all of it. of GRANT. But he was a fighting tion of the Tigris and another British He has killed Sheriock Holmes once man: "I shall go to Fort Brown or company sent the products of its Per- and brought him to life again; he has stay in my shoes!" sian oil fields to ports at the head of led him out to make "His Last Bow." FRANKLIN PIERCE'S relations to milthe Gulf. Thus Great Britain was not But there are still stories that the itary life formed a strange contradicinclined to permit the building of a good doctor knows and hasn't told, tion. In Bowdoin he was so devoted

East End of London." Another good same time utterly lost his poor opin-Under these new conditions Bagdad story is hinted at by Dr. Watson in the lon of the Military Academy.

"I see my notes upon the repulsive

story of the red leech and the terrible death of Crosby the banker. Here also I find an account of the Addleton tragedy and the singular contents of the ancient British harrow. The famous Smith-Mortimer succession case comes within this period; so does the tracking and arrest of Huret, the boulevard assassin-an exploit which won for Holmes an autograph letter of thanks from the President of France and the order of the Legion of Honor."

There's an excellent start for a new that the repulsive story of the red British Minister at Teheran, Persia, leech is to be preferred to the report who is spoken of as "the best known of the arrest of the notorious canary trainer.

brought a security to life and a de- hero he confessed to a supply of mavelopment of industries to Bagdad, terial which should never be allowed and it aims at the completion of the to remain hidden. Consider these cases WILLIAM WILLCOCKS. The building of Holmes": The Adventure of the Para-Bark Sophy Anderson; the Singular Adventures of the Grice Pattersons in guitoes did more damage than the the Island of Uffa; the Camberwell Indians, line of the Bagdad railroad have been Poisoning Case. In the last named case "Sherlock Holmes by winding rus mountains was completed soon afwas built in 1915. The Turks used we feel a right to further knowledge the road during the war as far as of "how the dreadful business of the Abernethy family was first brought to my notice by the depth to which the van. The completion of this link of parsley had sunk into the butter upon

How many of Commissioner Ex-Watson the right to conceal from the minum Crutch" or to fall to give us "a full account of Ricoletti of the clubfoot and his abominable wife"?

It is possible that on the ground of irreparable wrong to the public some remedy might be found in an application to a court of equity-something like a mandamus coupled with a subpoena duces tecum that should make Dr. Watson do his duty.

#### Our Presidents as Soldiers.

The opponents of military candi-

the martial flame which blazed so flercely in him more than thirty years later, he was not a Revolutionary sol-Few figures in modern literature so dier in the sense of having carried

In years of military life Zachary

his scholarship was neglected, but at

Of the group of six civil war vetHome Secretary has reported a recommenBoston journalism when he retired from of a present di
erans who became President, Grant dation that the twenty-four hour time the Boston field some years ago. On a union card.

Winchester was a field of glory for Are sarred even from the cook. which contain our work for the year himself in the South Mountain cam- Are now the spoils of desperate piracy, paign, was the dashing Colonel of a Of the modern, heartless architect. company which took a battery in the

erate gunners. In the same fight McKinley-like Haves a member of the Twenty-third Ohfo-was breveted a Captain for his bravery. McKin-LEY's war record was of the finest: four years of constant service, withon sheer merit it was he.

BENJAMIN HABRISON'S WAT record, volume, and on reflection it might be GARFIELD, or so sparkling as those of Associated Press franchise. His new Such a man deserves recognition. Hence Away back in the early days of Dr. Sheaman. His was faithful, steady undoubted prestige. Mr. Munsey thus average reader even of the shining Sun undoubted prestige. Mr. Munsey thus average reader even of the shining Sun undoubted prestige. THUE, who was inspector-general of Bennett as well as of Charles A. Dana. the New York troops.

LINCOLN, whose name is next to paign as he was in all else. The mos-

#### One Thing Remains Unchanged.

public ended Friday and the bottom the Chronicle and the Inter Ocean. of the demijohn in the closet at home border and we shall not take the trou- lowed another in quick succession. ble to trail the bootlegger.

form of dissipation on which they may the newspaper. lavish their earnings, something that We congratulate Mr. Munsey upon his every morning at the breakfast table. take the place of the enemy who has bitually foresees the future and lays his now been put down, perhaps forever. | foundations in consonance with its requirements.

Amending the Constitution is a simple thing, but who will show us how

undertaken "to do homage to its noted and indeed to civilization, he perhaps that of the twenty-seven men who plan, it is explained, is "to let the public -should the new owner decide to convoted to France. Eight years ago, at some time in the military uniform but its pretensions regarding some body lingered on the stage. while the experience may have lighted as regards William Dean Howells, time, 1835. In pursuing his idea and

> be fur flying in the Buckeye State. Senator Kenton's purpose to rig up

## Army Pay Overseas.

was a bonus. B says it was salary, taken over the historic property. Which is right? JAMES SMITH. NEW YORK, January 17.

From June 1, 1917, and continuing privates-the army entering gradewas fixed at \$30 a month. For overseas service 10 per cent. extra pay was given, making the amount \$33.

## Positive Facts.

There is a serious shortage of water in Petrograd.

Alva Agee is secretary of the New Jer ey Department of Agriculture. The average daily attendance of pupils

n the Canal Zone public schools is 2,436. The French State Railway is using de nobilized war trained dogs to guard goods

Approximately 400 vessels with a total o 650,000 tonnage were launched on the

Clyde River during the past year, this outconstruction on the Clyde

The Lass and the Architect, do believe an architect is born withou a heart,

hour method of reckoning in the United

has no part. He draws the living room with wide arched

With windows walls the whole first floor Where lover's pose and pleading look A fond good-by?-No chance at all!

econd battle of Winchester after a MR. MUNSEY'S PURCHASE OF hand to hand fight with the Confed- THE "NEW YORK HERALD."

#### Boston Interest in the Destiny of That Great Property.

From the Boston Herald, January 16. out absence from his regiment and to that newspaper, we assume that he the name of a man to whom Broadway announced his programme in reference without asking for promotion. If any will consolidate it with THE SUN, of is a name only and to whom it will no man in the civil war won his majority which he has been for some time the doubt continue to be so. owner. In acquiring that property you In central Java the other day, at will recall that he consolidated with it while not so distinguished as that of Sun the inestimable advantage of an presiding genius of which was J. Snip. HAYES, McKinley and, later on, morning journal, if our surmise is cor- my wanting to stand sponsor for him. Roosever, was admirable; he served three years, his most important action of three great morning newspapers that all the interesting things in Java tions being those in Georgia, with the Press, all of great traditions and of shops. It is no doubt true that to the Masks! Masks! Masks! service, like that of Chester A. Ar- becomes the successor of James Gordon the island of Java is a mere purple or

This consolidation accords with the tendencies of the times. St. Louis, with will have to admit that for scenery and All who have worn it admitted a census population larger than that of for richness and for interesting things and it aims at the completion of the from "The Adventures of Sheriock Washington's in the nation's heart, Beston, has only one morning newspahad a war record as trivial as Wash- per. Early last month the Republic, to find a more fascinating epot. the road to Basra as an outlet of the dol Chamber; the Amateur Mendicant INGTON's was magnificent; Captain long the Democratic newspaper of the Description of the Mesopotamian valley Society, which kept up a luxurious first, by election, and private afterward, by enlistment; but he was as out to the Globe-Democrat. The great They are set in the fertile plains, for the thus appear to be but a part of the warehouse; the Loss of the British frank about that Black Hawk camville now have each only one morning may admire their beauty. There are newspaper. Chicago has, in the English language, only two, the Tribune and the rose. language, only two, the Treouse and the Hearst newspaper. People are not very I used at one time to think that all the removable when Chicago had in the fine land on the face of the globe old who remember when Chicago had in Record, the Herald (afterward consoli-For most Americans drinking in dated in the Record-Herald), the Times, sugar cane plantations near Socrabaya

is in sight. A few have liquors suffi- Lowell had nine daily newspapers, It fine fields in the torrid zone on the dent to last them the rest of their now has two. Boston had more daily other side of the earth from Ohio. days; a few will go abroad to wet newspapers in 1840 than it has to-day. It had more newspapers ten and nve their whistles; but the overwhelming years ago respectively than it has to- only to have improved them and who majority of us are dry for keeps, be-day. The same tendency has been in for picturesqueness can rival any of cause we can't afford money and time evidence in all the other large American the Eastern races. To see a dozen young to chase John Barleycorn across the cities, where one consolidation has fol-

Thus cut off from an expensive luxary, men ought to be counting up their One must have a very large circulation around and stare. In fact, if the girls possible sayings, getting ready to buy or a considerable measure of the quality at home knew of the attractive native good United States securities, thrift appeal-or better still a combination of made batik cotton cloth every female stamps, savings certificates and similar the two-in order to pay. Not only has of the species at home would not rest evidences of forehandedness. Some "newsprint" been advancing, but all peacefully until she had a batik skirt, sorts of operating costs, like composithrough John Barleycorn's elimi- tions can "stand the gaff." And this in then spend a few weeks in a tropical

may do them as much harm for their latest acquisition. He is an alert and money as possible, another enemy to intrepid newspaper manager. He ha-

#### The "New York Herald's" Fine Traditions.

The little town of Xenia, Ohlo, has From the Pittsburg (Pa.) Gazette-Times. Whatever becomes of the New York

the very nerve of that town! When developing his ideal he was drawn into Martin's Ferry finds out that Xenia enterprises which must have astonished valuable possessions of America to-day.

announce thirty days before the No- a far higher order of enterprise in news vember elections "the names of men setting. Merit was rewarded with prosthey will appoint to Cabinet positions perity. Prosperity brought imitators. of going through life wondering open professional soldier after Washington in case of election" will be opposed by The Bennetts set the style for newsmouthed at the intellectual feats of to be chosen President, intended to be all pre- and post-convention candi- papers, but they by no means attained the great detective, to have your "Mar- n doctor, but as in the case of Leon- dates. The rule would insure a can- to the perfection in newspaper making didate only ten votes, or twenty count- which distinguished some others who ing wives, and cost him the ballots modelled their enterprises on the origof thousands of astonished gentlemen inal Bennett idea. Even before the second Bennett died emulation and competition had successfully bid for Herald prestige. The Herald having been distinctively a Bennett conception and car To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In ried along for the gratification of Bendiscussion about the pay of soldiers nett, there was much wonderment with to carry German imperialism to the my dear Watson. Your reflection, of Baltimore in 1814, and served of a private in the army was \$20 a personality was removed. There will month; that when he went overseas he be even more wonderment now that received \$23, and that the additional \$3 another wholly unlike the Bennetts has

The "Herald's" Past and Its Future. From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican The fate of the New York Herald un during the term of the war the pay of der the ownership of Frank A. Munsey has been so interwoven with the his-

selling the now extinct Journal he said that Boston had too many newspapers.

## The Skeletonized Schneider Attributed to Robert McWade,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In regard to the dog Schneider in connechanging together from a tree for twenty rears. The one who introduced this business was Robert McWade. TROY, January 17.

Comforting Thought. The janitor has left us. The cook no more is here; How fine that 1920 THINGS IN JAVA.

#### Mountains by the Score, Picturesque Natives and Snip the Barber.

To THE EDITOR OF THE STORM Sie: The galaxy of immortals may fill all the Although Mr. Frank A. Munsey, the niches in the hall of fame, but I canowner of the New York Herald, has not let the opportunity pass to propose

his New York Press, thereby giving Tuz Djocjakarta, I saw a barber shop the

of New York, THE SUN, the Herald and are not confined to the signs on barber green spot on the map. But once let him come here for a few weeks and he

There are mountains by the score the plains that literally blossom as the

the morning besides the Tribune, the was situated in the northwest part of Ohio. But now that I have seen the and the rice fields of the Preanger Re-A quarter of a century ago the city of gency I must confess that there are

Then of course there are the native whose contact with the Dutch seems meet a troop of girls here in Buiten-Such changes are the outgrowth of sors, all dressed in bright colored saeconomic forces. It costs a great deal more rongs or skirts, both the men and the

If this letter ever comes to the atof them are doing just this, but there tion and press work and deliveres, have tention of the business man who wants are many who aren't. Instead of count- been kiting in these recent years, with to take a long, peaceful sea trip on the ing the gains that might come to them the result that a relatively few publica- living sapphire of the Pacific Ocean and nation from their lives they are look- spite of the very handsome advertising paradise where his creature comforts nation from their lives they are looknation from their lives they are looking eagerly around for some other
ing eagerly around for some other
is grave objection
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ing the ointment. He cannot get THE SUN
not, there's this reflection: P. M. WISWALL.

BUITENZORG, Java, November 26.

#### TRYING DICKENS AGAIN. An Oldster Finds That the Old Grip Isn't There.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir : Some days ago a Sun correspondent asserted great instrument of organized and rep- very strength, so valuable to France ecutive. The natural reply would be sons" by a series of banquets. The Herald under the Munsey management old fogies read Dickens's novels to-day. To some Dickens readers the writer's The music has a subtle charm, have been President sixteen have been know how many prominent men Xenia tinue the publication—the Herald of adverse criticism of the author will ap-The newly elected President, Patt in the military service; and since the and Greene county have given to the Bennetts, father and son, will for pear only as mild misprision of the who, forty years ago, when the fecund British writer was probably more in the CEAU, has been, like the Tiger, de- candidate except Mr. Taff has been late Whitelaw Reid is unquestioned, tion some years see, though the old limelight than is any one of the novel- for back and forth, around about, ists of to-day, saturated himself with which Gladstone once appraised as the greatest document ever struck off by human intelligence at a given time for a given purpose.

The wraiths of oid time friends of nation or State.

Only two Presidents, Washington are not so evident. Indiana's right to the former Senator, Thomas Taggart, and Monsor, were veterans of the elected President of the republic in 1913. His public career, and he has the state of the third time of nation or State.

Only two Presidents, Washington are not so evident. Indiana's right to the former Senator, Thomas Taggart, and Monsor, were veterans of the elected President of the republic in 1913. His public career, and he has rode with Colonel Davis on an expense.

Seem flitting in a shostly rout—

A thirting in a shostly rout—

Could, until recent years, place the whole of the development of the former Senator, Thomas Taggart, and Monsor, were veterans of the particular niche of the elder James Gordon Benterly made a stop in his career at the particular niche of the show had the master of the show had the

iconoclastic letter writer. read. Several years ago an attempt is trying to appropriate its most fa- himself, but which in the end made for was made by a party of friends to be- Now walls the plaintive violing mous and distinguished son there will the better journalism, the independent guile evenings by once more conning newspapers, which are among the most them. To relieve the monotony of in- throbs sadly the plane in. tonation the reading of chapters was The younger Bennett improved upon his assigned in rotation. "Barnaby Rudge" a scheme by law or resolution to com- father's foundation; he abolished much was taken up. When it was finished it That the novel presents a series of vivid That thrilled when dainty finger tip pictures is undeniable. Its caricature New flows with cool and even best. like a bur to cheviot will stick in the memory. Aside from the grotesque figure that gives title to the story, the Ah, well! Age, too, has its reward! marked son of a homicidal father, the bewildering mob-not the one of Prot. The loyal love and sorrow shared, London, burned houses and jails, and against which the novelist portrays the House of Commons shivering behind The waltz ebbs slowly to an end, locked doors-of characters pass in colorful procession a bit-just a bit-less Like dead leaves driven by the wind, grotesque than the crazy boy in ragged motley with the croaking raven perched on his shoulder. Gabriel and Dolly Varden, Sim Tappertit, Miges, Sir John Chester Willetts of the Maypole, are characters one does not soon forget.

Dickens's novels, if I may venture an pinion that will probably run counter o accepted critical dogma, lack cohesion, are a bewilderment of grotesque caricature. A supersensitive critic-I think it was the late Dr. Hall, one will be most interesting. The first ques- rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyntion asked is whether he will merge it stamped his characters generally as vulwith his other New York morning news- gar. Probably that is what contributed paper, THE SUN. It would seem to be to their popularity. Some of them are a sensible solution to let THE EVENING certainly sordidly brutal, professedly Sun absorb the Telegram, but the Her- criminal, and the narrative of their exold's history in the past eighty years ploits is like revamping the reports of a man assigned by the editor of a tory of New York and the United States that its virtual extinction would be something of a shock even to people who have not read it for many years.

The ups and downs of daily journal-by his preceptor in crime. Steerforth, tory of New York and the United States metropolitan daily to police court duty. The ups and downs of daily journal- by his preceptor in crime. Steerforth ism in New York city have been so ex- the seducer of little Emily; the scornful treme that the revival of the Herald, Rosa Dartle, whose livid scar, made by under just the right management, is the handsome profligate slashing her by no means unthinkable. Its late cheek with a knife, shows white on the In England the names of towns are owner, James Gordon Bennett, did about crimson flush of hot blood, passionate as much as an owner could to kill the with love, that suffuses her skin whenpaper, and the fact that the Herold ever Steerforth comes into her pres survives him long enough to be traded ence. Pecksniff and his gentle and sin in the market affords some basis for cere foil, Tom Pinch, playing on the There's a cute little tike coming in the belief that it has an independent church organ enraptured. Squeers and soon be in operation under British which removed a plague spot from the ery, nearly lost his life—and at the put almost reaching the record of ship future if Mr. Munsey will make the Nicholas Nickleby; Silas Wegg, Bunsby, most of the opportunity. It is possible. Micawber-one a profound sea lawyer, however, that his view of New York much like some modern judges, and the A committee appointed by the British journalism is similar to his view of other an optimist whose honesty is that Boston journalism when he retired from of a present day industrial "toller" with

"pose. His stories as "rattling" reading. to use a present day phrase, are disappointing. He was obliged to fill space and he did it to the detriment of rapid movement. Some of his sonorous sentences a modern writer would condense into a few pithy words, probably two kle," Jefferson was an actor who "held dissyllables. His tendency to elaborate the mirror up to nature" and would an idea is what makes him hard readthe mirror present the skeleton of a dog bie with politics that to-day are obsolete. His sentiment hasn't the tru ring, his pathes is bathes, and his flights of rhetoric are often a purple patch on a dun garment.

Dickens, as your correspondent inti mates, is to-day certainly lagging long way in the rear of the procession FINDLEY SACKETT. of authors. SUMMIT, N. J., January 17.

## POEMS WORTH READING.

A Merchant of Masks Masks! Masks! Who will buy? Here are masks in profusi All sorts and all colors, try 'Em on before a conclusion This one, sir? We call fim Tartuffe . .

Why, I don't know, but the name suits; He was a post you think? Like enough, We traders in masks are but brutes, We talk prove and the jingle we love Is a clink, money clink. That's Byron; he fastens above

For a highbrow. Shelley's? I think He sells badly, too quaint, Too removed from the fashion, a link Betwixt hero and saint, But you choose It. Good. Wearing the mask of a poet

All men are fools and they show it

Players and painters and preachers, Pretenders at all sorts of tasks, Including a number of teachers, How they crowd up to be fitted! Is this your choice, madam, this face? It covers the lines that men trace Too dear? It can't be for you, For a semblance of something People must pay. It is true

haracter no one will buy; o sell them 'tis no use to try. Clever masks are best sellers, more than a few

But the masks that would sell like hot cakes, That every one's an intriguer for

These days. Masket Masket Are the sort WILLIS STREET.

Stretching the Dollar.

(A strictly scientific disquisition.) An economic expert in a tall and tasty Was lecturing the other night on "How to

stretch the dollar."

The dollar, though, as I conceive, is just so much material-If overstretched 'twould thin out, lapsing into the ethereal.

("Ethereal," as here employed, connotes imponderosity-Which makes my point extremely clear without undue verbosity.)

Another point-though lack of space compels me but to skim it-The stretching would be circumscribed by

If in one's efforts that should be exceeded, it would tear it no one could bear it.

Tis time to stop discoursing now before arousing mirth. It Is plain, when you consider it, the dollar isn't worth it.

MAURICE MORRIS. We Join Again the Youthful Throng. Ve join again the youthful throng, To dance the hour away;

But few are here who know us long.

Old friends! Ab, where are they,

The merry friends we used to know, Who danced here twenty years ago? Beauty and youth entrance; When Mary takes my offered arm, We glide into the dance,

And feelings that I thought had fled Arise like spectres of the dead.

That went with youth's light tripping feet!

New

What a stage has Nature set for bold Good Advice.

From the Kansas City Star. Don't be a sneering cynic And needlessly give pain, Or soon you'll find your pathway Is turned to Lonesome Lane. TENNISON J. DAFT.

A Bachelor's Play Spell. day. Who says to me morning or night:

We's solers what has a big fight?" So, what can a fellow do, busy or not, With such a brave laddle as he But square for a battle right there on the

Please, Mister Man, if I is good can I

Between this great hero and me? His cheeks they are red as the roses at His eyes they are bright as the stars. He beats me until all my powers are

But my heart alone carries the scars, like him, I love him, this brave little chap Who taps on my library door

shorn-

And when I admit him he Jumps on my And cries: "We is safers once more."

And when he departs, with a cute little amile. He saye: "Til come some other day." To-morrow seems waiting a very long white

# The Sun Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York-Fair and connued cold to-day and to-morrow; moderate northwest winds.

For New Jersey-Fair to-day, slightly colder in interior; to-morrow fair and continued cold; moderate to strong northwest winds.

For northern New England—Fair towest winds.

For northern New England—Fair today, preceded by snow in central and easiern Maine; to-morrow fair and continued
cold; fresh and strong west winds on the

Por southern New England—Fair and colder to-day; to-morrow fair and continued cold; fresh to strong northwest western New York—Cloudy and con-cold to-day and to-morrow, snow a near the lakes; fresh northwest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The disturbance that was over northeast Ohio Friday night has passed north of the St. Lawrence Valley, while the one that was off the Virginia Capes is central to night off the extreme eastern Maine coast, with a great increase in intensity. It was attended by strong winds and gales off the New Engand coast, Eastport, Me., reporting a velocity of sixty miles an hour from the east. High pressure prevails over the interior of the country, except in the Rocky Mountain region and the extreme Northwest, where it is low.

There were snows from the Ohio Valley northward and eastward and rains to the southward and there were snows in the Northwest and rains in the far Northwest. Fair weather will prevail Sunday east of the Missisalppt River, except for local snows on the leeward shores of the great lakes and in northeast New England, Monday snow is probable in the lake region and the upper Ohio Valley and snow or rain in the lower Ohio Valley and snow or rain in the lower Ohio Valley and west Tennessee. In cast Tennessee, the east Guif and Atlantic States the weather will be fair Monday.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, seventy-fifth meridian time: Rainfall

ismarck. hicago... incinnati leveland. .78 .22 .64 Los Angeles... New Orleans... Oklahoma City Philadelphia... .04 .22 .184 .01 ortland, Me... ortland, Ore... alt Lake City Diego..... Francisco.

LOAL WEATHER RECORDS. Pt. Cloudy eather Precipitation The temperature in this city yesterday, a recorded by the official thermometer, own in the annexed table; 8 A. M. . . 20 9 A. M. . . 23 10 A. M. . . 25 11 A. M. . . 27 12 M. . . . . 28 1 P. M. . 32 6 P. M. . 18 2 P. M. . 32 7 P. M. . 17 3 P. M. . 32 8 P. M. . 18 4 P. M. . 24 9 P. M. . 17 5 P. M. . 15 10 P. M. . 17 1929, 1919, 9 A. M. . . . 23 37 6 P. M. 2 M. . . . 28 40 9 P. M. 3 P. M. . . 32 46 12 Mid. 1929, 1919. ..18 44 ..17 48 ..17 48 Highest temperature, 32, at 3 P. M. Lowest temperature, 16, at 1 A. M. Average temperature, 24.

### EVENTS TO-DAY.

William Jennings Bryan, former Gov-ernor Folk of Missouri, James W. Gerard and Senator Owen will speak at a dinner in honor of Mr. Bryan, auspices Society of Aris and Sciences, Hotel Astor, 7 P. M. Arts and Sciences, Hotel Astor, T.P. M.
American Commission on Irish Independence, drive for sale of Irish Republic bonds, reception and mass meeting, Lesington Theatre, Lesington avenue and Fifty-first street, 2.P. M.

"Practice of Mediseval Craftsmanship," lecture by Clement Heaton, Metropolitan Museum of Art. 4.P. M.
Christadora House, speaker, discussion, Community Night, Avenue B between Ninth and Tenth Streets, 7:50 P. M.
Gov. Albert E. Smith will speak and Archibishop Patrick F. Hayes will open barsar and fair for continuation of weifare work of Bronx Cathole Bar Brothers

fare work of Bronx Cathode Bar Brothers League, St. Joseph's School Hall, Tremont avenue near Washington avenue, The Bronx, 7:30 P. M. "The Actor," lecture by Walter P. Eaton, New York Drama League, Garrick Theatre, 2:30 P. M.

dier, 3 P. M.
Song Recital by Mme. Callaway-John,
Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway,
5:15 P. M.
Institutional Synagogue, Grant Theatre,
11 West 118th atreet, address by Murray
Hulbert, 19:45 A. M.

## COPELAND TRAPS MILK PROFITEER

Grocer Didn't Recognize Health Commissioner.

A well dressed man with dark hair and keen eyes walked into a grocery store "somewhere on the lower East Side" yesterday forenoon and inquired of the proprietor if he could secure a paraffin container of milk. "Certainly," replied the grocer, "Will

you have a pint or a quart? "I want a quart of milk, please," replied the customer, In a short time the customer received the milk and tendered a 25 cent pleca

The grocer returned a nickel and two pennies in change. "Well-will you tell me how it comes about that you charge 18 cents for this milk?" angrily shouted the customer. "If you don't like my price you don't have to take the milk," responded the grocer.

Thereupon the customer disclosed him-

self as Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner. He made the grocer susend business for half an house ent to the rear of the store and had a heart to heart talk with the man on profiteering and falling to live up to a contract. Commissioner Copeland said he had received many letters regarding paraffined containers for 18 cents when the agreement provides that no store among the 400 using them can charge more than 16 centa.

For a crusty old bachelor's play. HORACE SETMOUR KELLER.